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Dear Mike:

I am writing to ask that you schedule an agenda item for the next BDAC meeting. The item would allow the BDAC members to be briefed on the nature of the recent urban-agricultural dialogue which has developed under the facilitated mediation of Mr. James Waldo. I have heard various second-hand reports about this dialogue from a number of sources, including Lester Snow in a recent conversation we had in Sacramento. But I personally am still uncertain as to how this process relates to CALFED and to BDAC.

In the past, EDF (and other environmental organizations, including most notably the Planning and Conservation League) have expressed substantial reservations about Mr. Waldo's efforts, especially in the context of his supervision of the negotiations that led to the Monterey Accord, where doors were closed to public participation and legal rules were bent to accommodate particular agendas. Enclosed is a copy of EDF's latest legal brief, filed in opposition to the process which led to the Monterey Accord and to the Accord itself.

Can we hear from Mr. Waldo on March 12 or at least from the participants in the Waldo dialogue?

Sincerely yours,



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